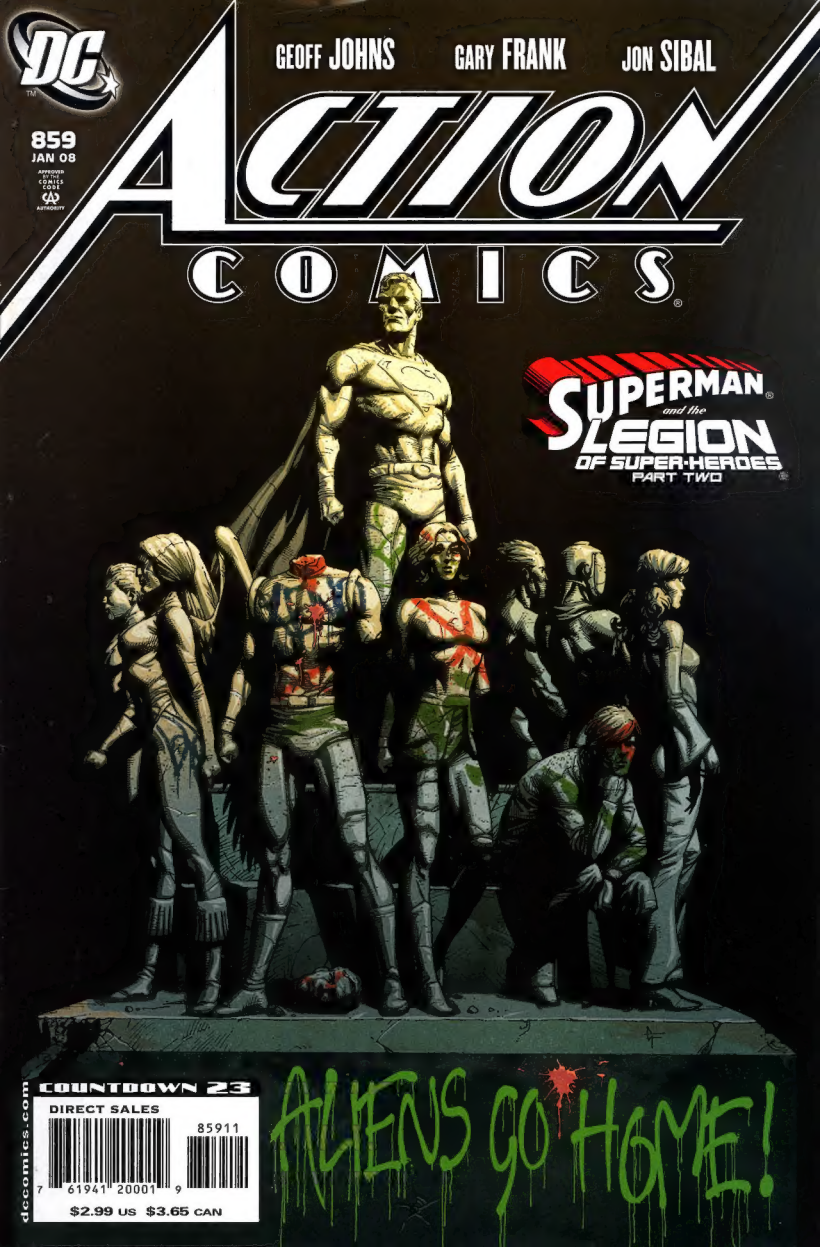
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WE HAVE TO MAKE DO WITHOUT THE RINGS, GARTH.

WE'VE BEEN HAVING TO "MAKE DUE" WITHOUT A *LOT* OF THINGS.

I THINK WE'RE HERE, BOYS.

KAZZZZZZZZZ

THEN LET THERE BE *LIGHT*.

ALL RIGHT, LEGIONNAIRES...

SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR?
PROOF THAT THE PLANET KRYPTON EXISTED.
KAL ONCE MENTIONED THAT BATMAN KEPT A KRYPTONITE RING AS A SAFEGUARD AGAINST HIM.
A KRYPTONITE RING? BUT THEY WERE ON THE SAME SIDE, RIGHT?
MORE THAN THAT. THEY WERE GOOD FRIENDS.
GOOD FRIENDS? LOOK AT THIS PLACE, IMRA.
BATMAN LIVED IN THE DARK. HE WORE A MASK TO HIDE HIS FACE. HE COULDN'T EVEN FLY WITHOUT A...WHAT DO YOU CALL THOSE THINGS?
IT'S A BAT-PLANE.
WHATEVER.
WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME DIGGING FOR FOSSILS, COS.
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WE CAN STOP WITH THESE COMPLICATED COVERT PLANS. TAKE THE FIGHT BACK TO EARTH-MAN AND HIS REJECTS.
WE TAKE THEM DOWN NOW AND IT CHANGES NOTHING.
THE ESPIONAGE SQUAD DISAPPEARED LAST WEEK. WHO DO YOU THINK'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT, COS?
OR FOR FORCING MY SISTER TO GO UNDER-GROUND?
THEY'VE RIPPED APART THE LEGION. THEY'VE TWISTED EVERYTHING KAL-EL STOOD FOR.
THEY MADE US INTO CRIMINALS.
AND WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH THINK WHEN WHAT'S LEFT OF THE LEGION ATTACKS THEIR "HEROES"?
I'M TIRED OF WORRYING ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK!
THEN ASK YOURSELF--
--WHAT WOULD SUPERMAN THINK?
THAT...
...DAMMIT, IMRA, THAT'S NOT FAIR.
I WOULDN'T HAVE TO READ KAL'S MIND TO KNOW. AND NEITHER WOULD YOU.
THE LEGION ISN'T THE ONLY THING AT STAKE HERE.
IF WE FAIL, THE UNIVERSE WILL GO TO WAR.
ALL IN THE NAME OF SUPERMAN.
...OH, NO.
WHAT IS IT?
THEY'VE FOUND US.

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WHY DO YOU INSIST ON STAYING ON OUR PLANET, COSMIC BOY?
WHY NOT FLEE LIKE SO MANY ALIENS AND LEGIONNAIRES HAVE?
THE LEGIONNAIRES THAT LEFT DID SO BECAUSE THEIR HOMEWORLDS EXPLODED INTO VIOLENCE.
VIOLENCE YOUR CRUSADE AGAINST SUPERMAN STARTED.
WE'RE NOT AGAINST SUPERMAN. WE'RE AGAINST THE LIES YOU'VE SPREAD ABOUT HIM.
WE'RE HELPING THE UNIVERSE SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MAN OF STEEL.
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YOU USED TO LAUGH AT ME, LIGHTNING LAD.
WHY AREN'T YOU LAUGHING ANYMORE?
KRAKK
I GUESS I'M ALL OUT OF UGLY JOKES.
YOU STILL GOT A MOUTH, DON'T YOU, RANZZ?
HATED.
ALL OF YOU DID.
COMING TO OUR PLANET. JUDGING US.
BUT LOOK AT THEM NOW. THEY'RE UNWANTED.

STEP AWAY FROM HIM, BOYS.
AND CLEAR YOUR HEADS.
Kk.
YOU'VE POISONED ENOUGH MINDS, SATURN GIRL.
THE BEAUTY QUEEN'S ALL YOURS, ROY.
...THANK ...YOU...
YOUR THOUGHTS... TWISTED... PERVERTED...
...uh, huh...
ST-STOP.
FWOOSH
AAAIEEE!

DO YOU FINALLY REALIZE IT, COSMIC BOY?
EARTH'S FUTURE DOESN'T BELONG TO THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANYMORE.
IT BELONGS TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

SUPERMAN and the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
CHAPTER 2
ILLEGAL ALIENS
THE FORMER BRAAL EMBASSY.
ROCKETED TO EARTH FROM THE DOOMED PLANET KRYPTON, THE BABY KAL-EL WAS FOUND AND RAISED BY JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT IN SMALLVILLE, KANSAS. NOW AN ADULT, CLARK KENT FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE & THE AMERICAN WAY AS...
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LEGION?
WHERE DO WE START?
YOU CAN START BY TELLING ME WHY YOU DON'T WANT MY HELP.
IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T WANT YOUR HELP, KAL.
IT'S JUST TOO MUCH OF A RISK TO ACCEPT IT.
A FEW YEARS AGO, EARTH'S SUN TURNED RED AFTER A SOLAR SHUTTLE RESEARCH ACCIDENT. WE KNEW IF YOU WERE UNDER IT--
--YOU WOULDN'T HAVE YOUR POWERS. AND YOU COULD BE HURT.
SO THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED, WE COULDN'T BRING YOU BACK HERE--
--'CAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE IN INTERGALACTIC HISTORY.
MAYBE I HELPED INSPIRE THE LEGION, BUT BEYOND THAT--
THE UNITED PLANETS GREW OUT OF THE PEACE TREATIES YOU HELPED NEGOTIATE BACK WHEN EARTH WAS MADE UP OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS!
UNIVERSAL LAWS WERE BUILT AROUND THE IDEALS YOU EMBODIED.
YOUR PATH IN THE PAST FORGED OUR PATH INTO THE FUTURE.
IF YOU WERE KILLED HERE, EVERYTHING YOU WILL DO WON'T COME TO PASS.
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IT ALREADY IS GONE, DAWNSTAR.
EARTH IS SECEDING FROM THE UNITED PLANETS.
ALIENS AREN'T WELCOME HERE ANYMORE.
MY WIFE WAS CAST OUT BECAUSE SHE WAS A "DIRTY SHAPE-SHIFTING DURLAN."
SHE DISAPPEARED. SHE MIGHT BE DEAD.
WE'LL FIND VERA AND THE REST OF THE LEGIONNAIRES, GIM.
LONG LIVE THE LEGION.
WE'LL GIVE THEM BACK THEIR FLIGHT RINGS--
--AND THEIR PURPOSE.
TO STAND AS A SYMBOL OF DIVERSITY, UNITY AND TOLERANCE.
LONG LIVE THE LEGION.

BEFORE WE PASS OUT THESE RINGS, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT ANOTHER WAY TO GET KAL HOME.
THIS IS OUR PROBLEM, NOT HIS. AND IT'S, UH, TOO--
TOO DANGEROUS, WILDFIRE? YOU ALL KEEP SAYING THAT, BUT RED SUN OR NOT, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DANGEROUS.
WHEN WE TOOK ON MORDRU OR THE FATAL FIVE THERE WAS A CHANCE ONE OF US WOULDN'T SURVIVE.
SOME OF US DIDN'T.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS.
NOW.
ALL RIGHT, SUPERMAN--
--BUT YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIKE IT.

THE HUMAN CULTURAL CENTER.
HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF EARTH.
CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHERE SUPERMAN WAS BORN?
MAETTHU?
HE WAS BORN CLARK KENT IN SMALLVILLE, KANSAS, MISS NINTYN. THE ONLY SON TO JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT.
AND WHAT MADE HIM SPECIAL?
WHEN CLARK KENT WAS A TEENAGER, HE WAS CHOSEN BY MOTHER EARTH AND GIVEN GREAT POWERS. AND HE BECAME HUMANITY'S PROTECTOR AGAINST EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREATS.
LIKE DARKSEID AND MONGUL AND...?
BRAINIAC! DON'T FORGET BRAINIAC.
EVEN TODAY BRAINIAC'S DESCENDANT AND THE ROBOTIC PLANET OF COLU POSES A GREAT THREAT TO HUMANITY.
NOW WHO CAN TELL ME ABOUT THE DARKEST AGE IN THE LEGEND OF SUPERMAN? THE LEGION YEARS.
ARIEL?
THE LEGION YEARS STARTED WHEN A BOY FROM BRAAL, A BOY FROM RANZZ AND A GIRL FROM, um, TITAN?
YES, TITAN. GO ON.
WELL, THOSE THREE CAME TO EARTH AND THEY REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT THE LEGEND OF SUPERMAN, BUT THEY SAID HE WAS AN ALIEN LIKE THEM.
FROM A PLANET CALLED KRYPTON.

AND WE ALL BELIEVED THAT THIS KRYPTON ACTUALLY EXISTED, DIDN'T WE?
WE BELIEVED THAT SUPERMAN WAS NOT THE SON OF EARTH, BUT THE LAST SON OF AN ALIEN WORLD.
WE OPENED OUR HEARTS AND WE WELCOMED OTHER ALIENS FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE TO EARTH. WE ALLOWED THEM TO FORM THEIR "LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES" IN METROPOLIS.
AND IN DOING SO, WE ALLOWED AN ALIEN INVASION IN UNDER OUR VERY NOSES.
THE LEGION EVEN CREATED FALSE HOPE BY "BRINGING" SUPERMAN FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT AND INDUCTING HIM AS AN OFFICIAL LEGIONNAIRE.
THEY GREW LARGER AND LARGER. THEY HELD "TRYOUTS" FOR NEW MEMBERS. BUT THERE WERE MANY THEY TURNED AWAY.
MANY WHO WERE DEEMED WORTHLESS TO THEIR ORGANIZATION AND LABELED REJECTS.
AND WHAT DID THESE "LEGION REJECTS" HAVE IN COMMON?
THEY WERE HUMAN BOYS AND GIRLS LIKE US!
YES. AND WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT ONE IN PARTICULAR TODAY
KIRT NIEDRIGH. KNOWN FIRST TO US AS THE "LEGION REJECT" ABSORBANCY BOY.
IT WASN'T UNTIL YEARS AFTER HIS REJECTION THAT KIRT NIEDRIGH UNCOVERED THE TRUTH ABOUT SUPERMAN DURING AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG IN THE ARCTIC.
HE DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT CRYSTAL TABLET IN A CAVERN DEEP UNDER THE ICE, AND THAT CRYSTAL DOCUMENTED THE TRUE STORY OF SUPERMAN...
...CLARK KENT WAS NOT AN ALIEN AS THE LEGION CLAIMED.
IN FACT, AS MAETTHU POINTED OUT, SUPERMAN DESPISED ALIENS. HE MADE IT HIS LIFE'S WORK TO DEFEND EARTH FROM THEM.
AND TO BRING PEACE TO ALL HUMANS.
REACHING ADULTHOOD, ABSORBANCY BOY TOOK THE NAME EARTH-MAN.
HE STARTED HIS CRUSADE TO SPREAD THE TRUE GOSPEL OF SUPERMAN.
AND HE DRAFTED OTHERS LIKE HIM TO FORM--
MISS NIWTYN! LOOK!
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LONG LIVE HUMANS!
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EVERYTHING YOU HAD, LEGIONNAIRES...

KRAKKKALL
...IS MINE.
EARTH-MAN?
YES, SPIDER-GIRL?
WE JUST RECEIVED REPORT OF A BREAK-IN AT LEGION HEADQUARTERS. COLOSSAL BOY, DAWNSTAR AND WILDFIRE WERE IDENTIFIED.
THE HUMAN LEGIONNAIRES. DID THOSE RACE TRAITORS ESCAPE?
YES. AND THE SCIENCE POLICE CLAIM SOMEONE DRESSED LIKE SUPERMAN FLED WITH THEM.
ANOTHER LEGION SUMPATHIZER.
THAT'S PROBABLY THE CASE, BUT...
BUT WHAT?
THEY FOUND REMNANTS OF A TIME SPHERE.

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I'M ON MY WAY.

THEY THINK I WAS HUMAN? THAT I STOOD AGAINST ALIENS ON EARTH?
HOW COULD PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT?
IT ONLY TOOK A FEW FOR IT TO START.
AND THEN A FEW MORE AFTER THAT AND A FEW MORE AFTER THAT. UNTIL EVERYONE WAS ARGUING. XENOPHOBIA STARTED SPREADING.
AND SUPPORT FOR SECESSION FROM THE UNITED PLANETS GREW ACROSS EARTH.
BECAUSE OF ME?
NO.
BECAUSE A BUNCH OF REJECTS WANT THEIR DAY IN THE PROVERBIAL SUN.
I NEED TO FIND BRAINIAC 5. HE SENT FOR ME FOR A REASON. HE HAS TO HAVE A PLAN ON HOW TO ATTACK THIS.
TRUST DAWNY, KAL. IF THE GREEN GENIUS IS ON EARTH, SHE'LL FIND HIM.
I HAVE FOUND HIS TRAIL. IT IS FAINT, AND FROM MONTHS AGO--
--BUT IT IS ALL I HAVE.
AND IT LEADS THERE.

ALIEN HOLDING CAMP 6736.
YOU SAID THE TRAIL IS OLD, SO WHAT IF BRAINIAC 5'S NOT INSIDE?
THEN LET'S HOPE THE *OTHER* LEGIONNAIRE I SENSE WITHIN CAN HELP...
NEXT: INTO THE UNDERGROUND!

Well, the long weekend is on us, and I'm happy to say that for the next four days I can back-burner work and enjoy friends, family and lots of turkey.

So for those of you with questions like, Who is out to spoil the Bat Family? What is the Fifth World? Where are we counting down to?

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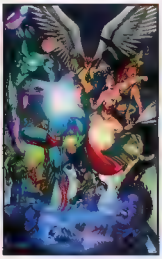

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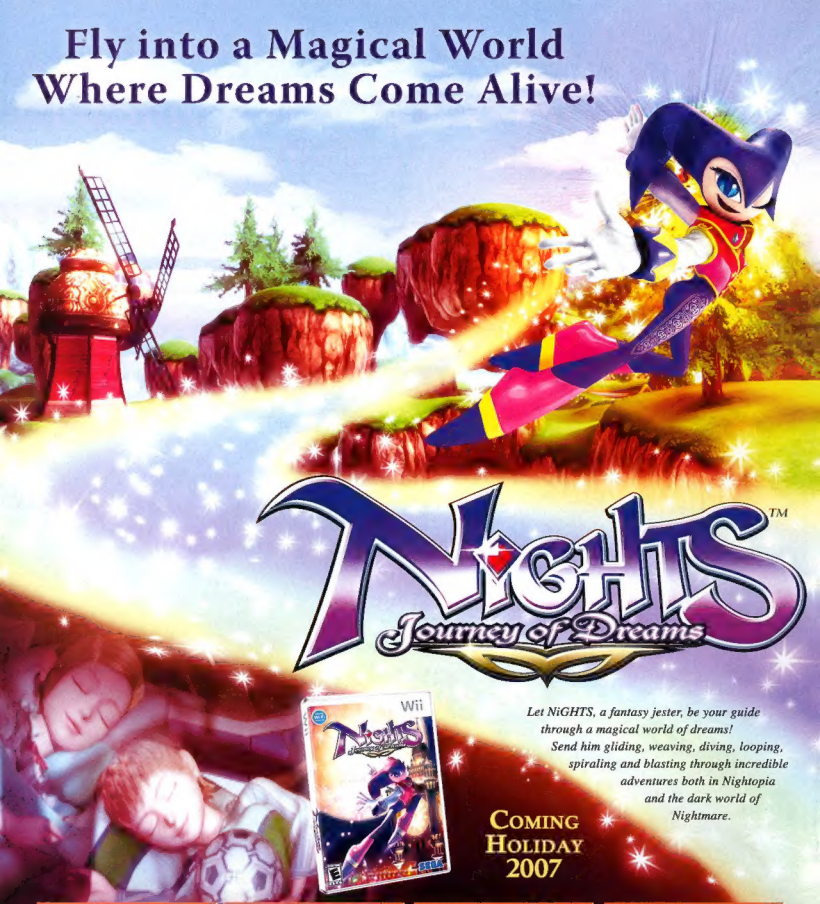

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ABILITIES: WEATHER MANIPULATION
BY THE ORDER OF EARTH--
--YOU ALIENS ARE UNDER ARREST.
TUSKER - HORACE LAFERUGH
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: UNBREAKABLE SKELETON
RADIATION BOY - ROY TRAVICH
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: LIVING RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPE

IT'S A JUNGLE IN HERE!

Crude Humor
Mild Cartoon Violence

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